



ifr 3691

PTO/SB/21 (01-08)

Approved for use through 02/29/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

33

Application Number

09/777,473

Filing Date

02/06/2001

First Named Inventor

Ervin F. Johnston

Art Unit

3691

Examiner Name

Karmis, Stefanos

Attorney Docket Number

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

☐

Fee Transmittal Form

☐

Fee Attached

☒

Amendment/Reply (Substitute)

☐

After Final

☐

Affidavits/declaration(s)

☐

Extension of Time Request

☐

Express Abandonment Request

☐

Information Disclosure Statement

☐

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☐

Reply to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application

☐

Reply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐

Drawing(s)

☐

Licensing-related Papers

☐

Petition

☐

Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application

☐

Power of Attorney, Revocation

☐

Change of Correspondence Address

☐

Terminal Disclaimer

☐

Request for Refund

☐

CD, Number of CD(s) _____

☐ Landscape Table on CD

Remarks

☐

After Allowance Communication to TC

☐

Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and Interferences

☐

Appeal Communication to TC
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

☐

Proprietary Information

☐

Status Letter

☒

Other Enclosure(s) (please identify
below):

Return postcard for receipt by USPTO

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name

Signature

Printed name

Ervin F. Johnston

Date

02/15/2008

Reg. No.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature

Typed or printed name

Ervin F. Johnston

Date

02/15/2008

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ervin F. Johnston

Serial No.: 09/777,473

Filed: 02/06/2001

FOR: AUTOMATED BILL PAYING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3691

Examiner: Karmis, Stefanos

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

As required by an Office Communication dated 02/11/2008 this "Substitute Amendment" corrects improper underlining in claim 104.

The "Substitute Amendment" is now in response to the Office Action mailed 07/31/2007. The "Petition for Extension of time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)" and the petition fee were forwarded with the previous amendment filed 11/13/2007.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Amendments to the Claims.	page 2
Remarks	page 19